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From : Clerk to the Legislative Council
To : All Members of the Legislative Council

Council meeting of 27 May 2020

Arrangement for dealing with the National Anthem Bill

The Second Reading debate on the National Anthem Bill will resume at the captioned meeting. If the motion for second reading of the Bill is passed, the Council will forthwith go into committee of the whole Council to consider the Bill.

2. As Members are aware, the current term of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) has less than eight weeks left, during which only seven Council meetings will be held. The Chief Secretary for Administration has stated in his letter¹ to the President that apart from its plan to resume the Second Reading debate on 10 bills at the Council meeting of 27 May, the Administration has planned to submit another 18 bills and three proposed resolutions to LegCo for consideration. The Administration has expressed hope that LegCo could finish scrutinising these legislative items as far as possible before the end of the current term of LegCo, as all legislative items which cannot complete the scrutiny process will lapse upon the end of the current term. Taking into account the Administration’s request and the need for LegCo to discharge its constitutional functions under the Basic Law, the President directs me to provide all Members with the attached information on the arrangement for dealing with the National Anthem Bill (**Appendix**).

3. Given the small number of provisions in the National Anthem Bill and the interdependence among most of those provisions and the proposed amendments to the Bill, the President has decided that a joint debate be

¹ The Chief Secretary for Administration’s letter dated 18 May 2020 to the President was issued to Members under LC Paper No. CB(3) 436/19-20 on 19 May 2020.

held on all the provisions and amendments. The President considers that the arrangement will allow greater flexibility for Members to debate the various issues covered by the Bill and avoid repetition of arguments, thus facilitating more effective use of the Council's time. The arrangement is drawn up with reference to that for the Guangzhou-Shenzhen-Hong Kong Express Rail Link (Co-location) Bill considered by the Council in June 2018.

4. Taking into account the circumstances in paragraphs 2 and 3 above, the President has decided to **reserve a total of about 30 hours for the Council to deal with the National Anthem Bill.**

5. Members are invited to note that as in past practice, the time used for quorum calls and other procedural matters during the consideration of the National Anthem Bill will be counted in the 30 hours mentioned above. If the President finds that the allocated time is not put to good use by Members and depending on the meeting progress, he may consider adjusting the time allocation for consideration of the Bill.

6. The President calls on Members to make good use of the Council's time to finish the consideration of the National Anthem Bill as soon as possible.

(Dora WAI)
for Clerk to the Legislative Council

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立法會處理《國歌條例草案》的安排

會議時數

日期	會議時數	會議時間
27.5.2020 (星期三)	約5.5小時	發言及口頭質詢後至下午7時
28.5.2020 (星期四)	約10小時	上午9時至下午7時
3.6.2020 (星期三)	約5.5小時	口頭質詢後至下午7時
4.6.2020 (星期四)	約10小時	上午9時至下午7時

辯論及表決安排

	預留時數 (22項修正案獲批， 涉及5位動議人)
恢復二讀辯論	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 議員發言及官員回應 	約8小時
全體委員會審議	
合併辯論： <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 合併辯論所有條文及附表，以及22項修正案 表決： <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 表決修正案 	約16小時
三讀	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 處理餘下程序，包括辯論及表決三讀議案 	約6小時
總時數：	約30小時
	預計於6月4日 完成所有程序